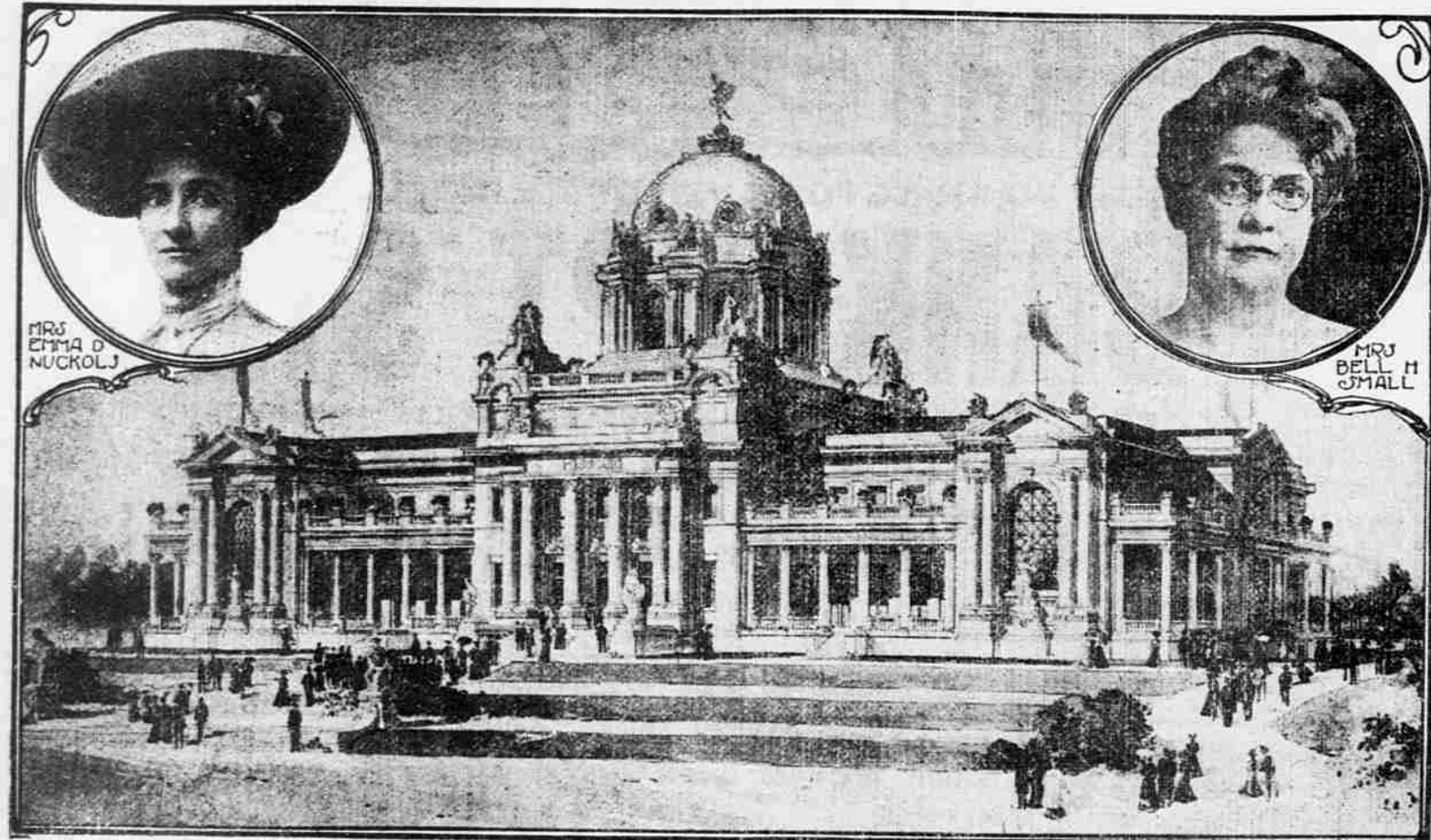


HOSPITALITY DISPENSED BY PROMINENT WOMEN OF THE STATE TO BE MOST NOTABLE FEATURE OF MISSOURI'S FAIR BUILDING.



MISSOURI STATE BUILDING, WORLD'S FAIR.

If there be on the entire World's Fair grounds one spot which may properly be called a woman's kingdom, perhaps that distinction more properly belongs to the Missouri building than to any other.

With the gallantry characteristic of the men of Missouri the Missouri State building at the World's Fair is to be made a realm where woman, both from Missouri and the world at large, is to be allowed to reign in her own.

While other States in the galaxy of commonwealth buildings at the Fair have been content to have one hostess at their buildings, Missouri has decided to go them one better and have two. In the stately halls of Missouri's splendid building on the hill overlooking the Government building and the whole beautiful panorama of the great Exposition as it spreads like a lady's fan below it, two of the daughters of Missouri will preside as in their own homes.

"Is it any wonder," said one of the Missouri Commissioners, "that it took the Missouri Commission nearly four months to decide the hostesses of Missouri's building?" Missouri has put on her best bib and tucker to receive the world. She has erected as her State pavilion a structure the surpassing beauty of which causes in all beholders a pang of regret that it is of mere perishable wood and staff and must vanish for all time at the close of the Fair.

"But the Commissioners knew that, more than all else, the womanhood and the manhood of the State would be on exhibition, and out of all the splendid material which they were called upon to pick from her hostesses they found the task almost hopeless. It was like asking one to choose

one jewel from caskets all of which contained treasure."

PREPARING BUILDING.

But now that the choice is made and it is decided that Mrs. Emma Nuckolls of Jefferson City and Mrs. Belle Hall Small of Sedalia will preside over the Missouri building, there is none to say that the choice was not excellent. Following on the selection of the hostesses preparations are being made to make of the Missouri building one which shall be second to none as a woman's building.

"What are to be the duties of the hostesses of the Missouri building?" repeated President Davis of the Missouri Commission.

Then after a pause, during which he appeared to be thinking hard, he replied: "Ask me something easier. What are the duties of a Missouri woman in her own home? If you can answer that correctly you have the proper answer to the first question. Missouri's hostesses will not be officials, properly speaking. Rather they will be a part of Missouri's participation in the Fair, carrying out the State's part as the receiving party to the universe assembled to attend the State's reception."

Judge Hawthorne, Executive Commissioner for Missouri, found the question equally difficult of answer.

"While we have not formulated any regulations covering the position of hostesses," said he, "we know in a general way what will be expected of them. In the first place, their duties and position will be co-ordinate. Neither will rank the other. One of them will be expected to be in the building at all times to receive guests, for every visitor to Missouri's building will be considered and treated as a guest."

"They will not live in the Missouri building, and this will be the only difference between the hostesses of the Missouri home and a Missouri lady in her own home. The matron of the building will live in the State building. In contrast to the hostesses, whose duties are purely social."

"I should say the great central func-

tion of the Missouri hostesses will be to receive people, to make them feel at home, to be gracious, to impress them with the fact that Missouri is a hospitable State and that the Missouri building, while it has a handsome and impressive exterior, which is good to look at and admire, has a still more pleasing interior, made bright and comfortable by an air of welcome and cordiality extended to all, whether they be from Missouri or some less favored spot in the world."

TO ENTERTAIN WOMEN.

"Of course, their special mission will be to receive women visitors. There will always be some of the Missouri Commissioners here to look after the men visitors. They will have no official duties to transact. They will not be tied down to office hours, but as the whole Exposition period is Missouri's at home day, one or the other of the two hostesses will always be found in Missouri's home."

Judge Hawthorne said that Missouri would do a great deal of entertaining in its building during the Fair. Not the least of the duties of the hostesses would be to help receive the guests on these state occasions and lend to these social affairs the one thing useful that only a woman's presence can add.

Men and women from every quarter of the globe, the most distinguished visitors that the State has ever received, will be gravitated to the Missouri building naturally, if they visit no other of the State buildings. They will find no chill air of forbidding unwelcome there, for their visit will be the signal for a show of Missouri hospitality, which will make them feel that here they are honored guests, graciously received by one of the State's own daughters.

The entire Missouri building has been constructed with the idea of making it an official State home, ever kept foremost. It will not be apparently the official headquarters of the Missouri Commission, and the offices where the business of the commission is to be conducted will be kept

as well as possible in the background. Guests will not be received in sight of the clicking typewriter machine.

There are suites of rooms, parlors, reading-rooms and parlors, all beautifully decorated and furnished, where the social side of Missouri will be exemplified. And back of the stately rotunda in the center of the building, with its superb mural decorations, are the hallways and the hall of State, where the commonwealth's hostesses will be received.

While the entire building is to be the field of operations for the hostesses, there are special arrangements made for the reception of lady visitors. One of these is a ladies' boudoir on the second floor of the State building, in the dainty privacy of which lady visitors may lounge away a hot summer afternoon or chat with their friends "far from the madding crowd" of a cosmopolitan exposition gathering.

Then there is a suite of rooms for the entertainment of ladies especially overlooking the broad portico on the west side of the building. These rooms have not yet been furnished or decorated, but their ornamentation will be in keeping with the superior work being done toward the interior beautification of the building.

Every nook and corner of the splendid building will be suggestive of comfort and elegance, and the stately grandeur of its proportions of dome and the magnificent softening and made more charming by the superior work being done toward the interior beautification of the building.

TO IMPROVE DRIVING PARK.

Extensive improvements will be made to the Bluff City Driving Park, east of Alton, in the next thirty days, and the track will be opened the first of the season. Le Bowler, the manager last season, will be in charge. Bowler has twenty horses, including runners, trotters and pacers on the track at the present time, and by the time the season opens a large number of additional racers are expected.

INSPECTORS WILL PROBE BEEF TRUST

Department of Commerce to Start Agents Out on Investigation Tour This Week.

MAY FOLLOW CROW'S LEAD.

Inquiries Will Be Held in St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago, Omaha, Sioux City and Probably St. Joseph.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Inspectors representing the new Department of Commerce and Labor will start West next week to begin an investigation into the affairs of the "Beef Trust." The inquiry follows upon the resolution passed by the House of Representatives, which demanded that the Government take action to determine whether a combination of packers exists which operates in "restraint of trade" and which controls the price of meat.

It will have been the first work of the kind undertaken by the Bureau of Corporation and Investment division in the Department of Commerce and Labor. This bureau is about all that is left of the original "publicity cure" agitation which was put forth by President Roosevelt two years ago as the panacea for the trust evil. The bureau heretofore has not taken any very active steps in the direction of seeking facts to publish in connection with any of the big corporations, such as the Standard Oil, United States Steel or the supposed combination of packers.

Consequently the mission of the inspectors who are shortly to start out, in a measure, will be looked upon as a test of the efficiency of the bureau. The agents of the Government chosen for the delicate and difficult task are not yet named, but they will be under the general direction of James R. Garfield, who is the Commissioner of the bureau in question. Their exact destination also is not stated, but it is known that they will visit all of the cities which are the principal distributing points for the meat supply of the country—St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, Sioux City and probably St. Joseph.

MAY FOLLOW CROW'S LEAD.

The suggestion has been made at the department that the work done and the evidence accumulated by Attorney General Crow, when he instituted the Missouri proceedings against the trust, might be service as a beginning in the undertaking. It is possible, in the light of this fact, that the inspectors will go first to Jefferson City and there examine the records in the Missouri case. These, it is thought, will afford a valuable index into the methods pursued by the packers and the point a way by which full statistics may be secured as to the relation between the price of beef on the hoof and the price of the dressed meat.

Discrepancies between the fluctuations of the price of beef on the hoof and of the dressed article were the animus of the resolution as passed by the House. The resolution, as originally sanctioned, ordered that a report be made through the department to Congress. But reply was made that by the organic law governing the department, a report must be made to the President. The resolution was then amended, and it now agrees with the law. The report will be rendered direct to the President.

WILL NOT RUN AMUCK.

Since after the Northern Securities decision Attorney General Knox made his intention of "running amuck" by whole-

sale prosecution of large corporate interests—those commonly described as trusts—some speculation has followed as to whether the beef trust inquiry will be pushed in complete sincerity.

Democratic opinion interprets the present attitude as one which will use the single success as campaign material, but business interests, the "conservative" stop short in the belief that the result of the Beef Trust investigation will be regarded as a test of the sincerity of the Republican anti-trust policy as well as a test of the efficiency of the "publicity" department.

TO ENLARGE COUNTY SCHOOLS.

Wellston Institution Is to Have Eight Rooms.

William G. Schofield, clerk of the Wellston, St. Louis County, Public School District, has published notice that a proposition to borrow \$20,000 for building purposes will be voted upon at the annual school meeting in April.

The money if voted, will be used to enlarge the Wellston School annex, containing the rooms into an eight-room building. The annex is located in St. Louis, in North Calumet addition. A proposition also to build an additional school for negroes also will be voted on. The Washington, Lincoln and Normandy district propositions will be voted on to add two more rooms to the Lincoln and two to the Washington buildings.

PRUSSIAN CENSOR DEFENDS PRESIDENT

Will Not Let Actors Mention President's Name in Burlesque Show.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Berlin, March 19.—By order of the Prussian police censor, the Metropole Theatre here is debarred from burlesquing President Roosevelt, by name, in a new play entitled "A Mad Year," which opened this week.

The President is represented by Henry Bender, a brilliant comedian, who appears in rough-riding uniform, accompanied by a young actress, who represents Alice Roosevelt, who, the censor decreed, could only be called "Miss Washington."

Bender indulges in satire at the expense of Baron Speck von Sternburg, German Ambassador at Washington, whom he calls "Speck."

He says that America has given a warm welcome to "Speck," notwithstanding that Germany bars American "Speck."

WEDDING GOWN HER SHROUD.

Mrs. Charles Casale Buried Nine Months After Marriage.

Mrs. Charles Casale, 23 years old, was buried yesterday afternoon from her residence, No. 124 Academy avenue, in the same robe that served as her wedding gown less than nine months ago.

On June 25, 1903, Miss Carrie Cella was married to Charles Casale in St. Charles Borromeo's Italian Catholic Church. The funeral services were conducted there yesterday. The burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

Mrs. Casale was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cella of Festus, Mo., and a sister of Louis Cella of St. Louis. She was a native of Genoa, Italy.

HARLEM CLUB'S NEW RECORD.

Chicago, March 19.—With 1,992 nominations for the twelve stakes of the 1904 season, the Harlem Jockey Club claims to have established a new record for high totals in the number of entries to racing fixtures of this class. The chief increase is in the events for the 3-year-olds and 2-year-olds, and is said to carry a corresponding betterment of class. Of the big stakes, the \$15,000 Harlem National Handicap has its entries, the Twentieth Century Stakes, the M. Lewis Clark Stakes, regarded as a try-out for the American Derby, has 97 entries.

COMBES'S CABINET LOSING STRENGTH

Resignation May Follow Passage of Law of Congregations—Millerand May Be Premier.

Paris, March 19.—The situation of Premier Combes's Ministry is gradually becoming precarious, as a result of its recent parliamentary reverses.

It is not considered that any immediate crisis will occur, but even the best informed Government quarters describe the Ministry as gradually crumbling away.

Some of the recent majorities have been below the traditional twenty, which is the limit of safety.

The gradual sapping of M. Combes's strength is not due to the pending law suppressing all forms of congregational teaching, as his majorities have been steadily maintained on that question, but the difficulties are mainly due to Social measures for workmen's pensions and employment agencies.

It is said he will be able to pass the law of congregations about Easter, and with this principal work accomplished, it is not expected that he will wish to remain in office. The names of MM. Millerand and Eleme are the most often mentioned in connection with the possible reorganization of the Ministry.

There is little doubt that Foreign Minister Delcasse will remain, as he is considered to be the strongest man of the present Ministry, and his recent treaty achievements are regarded as placing him among the first statesmen of contemporary France.

COMMITTED CRIME THAT HE MIGHT LEARN TRADE.

Macon Youth Stole Money Hoping That He Might Be Sent to the Reformatory School, and Be Instructed.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Macon, Mo., March 19.—With the object of getting himself sent to the reformatory school, where he could learn a trade, Andrew Vandike, aged 16 years, stole \$2 from a patron of his mother's boarding-house.

The lad told his story to Justice Shelton this morning, and his mother corroborated him. She said her son had used the stolen money to buy a coat for a poor boy of Kears.

Andrew said he wanted to learn a trade that he might be able to support his mother. He was sent to jail for twenty days.

STABBED PLAYMATE IN BACK.

Thomas Brennan Throws Knife at Friend With Serious Result.

The blade of a knife thrown fifteen feet by Thomas Brennan, 12 years old, of 1019 Biddle street, penetrated the back of Henry Robertson, aged 13, of No. 1125 North Fifteenth street, yesterday afternoon and inflicted a wound which Doctor Lawrence at the City Dispensary fears will result seriously.

Both Robertson and Brennan are new boys. They quarreled at Sixth and Elm streets because Robertson threw hot coffee on Brennan. The knife, with blade open, was lying on the seat of a wagon near by.

Picking up the weapon, Brennan hurled it with full force at Robertson, and the only handle protruding. Another boy pulled the knife from Robertson's back and summoned an ambulance, in which the wounded lad was taken to the City Dispensary, thence to the City Hospital. Brennan admitted to Patrolman Ward, Meagher and Jones, who arrested him, that he threw the knife, but says he did not know the blade was opened.

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